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From: Thomas Borelli
Subject: Dutch Passive Smoking Proposal

Attached is a note from Bob on the De Walle proposal. As a result of his imput I believe we should tell DeWalle we don't have the money for such a detailed study but we may be open to a review of the limitations of epi as it applies to weak associations.
Regards,
Tom
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To: TBORELLI--VUS0212A Tom Borelli

From: Robert A. Pages
Subject: Dutch Passive Smoking Proposal

I received your note and the proposal this morning. I read it over and my initial reaction was: This is another Spitzer study waiting to happen. How we know what's going to come out? Reading about "..the solutions to reduce the passive smoking.." and "...behavior modification..." makes me more tha little nervous.

As this struck me as more politics than science and because I knew nothing of the background, etc., I tried to find out more about it. First attempt with Bill Davis - out; back tommorrow - who perhaps had heard about this f Tony Andrade. Then I called my all purpose source: Mopsy. As usual, she wa extremely helpful in giving me some background and perspective on the Corp Affairs scene in The Netherlands. May I suggest that you talk to her about it? By the way, she was also able to explain to me the rather crypti mention of a legal concern re TNO that's in van Roode's cover letter to you. (In of itself that may be the most important reason not to touch this proposal, even with a very long, very strong stick.)

Bottom line: There's not enough info here on which to make any informed evaluation, but it looks looks, smells, and sounds like a disaster waiting to be funded by Uncle Phil. Stay away from it and warn others to stay away as well.

P.S. How is it that this can all be done from start to finish in 3 months? It's got to already have been mostly written for that to happen, doesn't i It smells VERY bad.....

Bob

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